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SUBJECT: GOLD RETRIEVAL

REF STATE 82205

1. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY YOUR PROMPT ANSWER ON THE MATTER
OF THE SAUDI GOLD BEING HELD IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH
CAROLINA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT YET PASSED YOUR COMMENTS
TO SONBOL OF THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY BECAUSE HE WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY INQUIRE ABOUT THE MISSING 157 KILOS CONCERNING
WHICH YOU MAKE NO MENTION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO
COMMENT ON THAT ASPECT OF THE MATTER?

2. ALSO, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES, IF I CAN
CONVINCE YOU THAT THEY EXIST, OF TAKING OVER THE
NEGOTIATION OF THIS MATTER WITH ALIREZA. ALTHOUGH I HAD
INITIAL DOUBTS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF INFORMING HIM
ABOUT THE MATTER AT AN EARLY STAGE, THAT MAY BE THE
BETTER ROUTE TO TAKE. IF YOU AGREE, I WOULD LIKE TO
INFORM SONBOL WHEN NEXT I DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM
THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO CHANGE THE DIALOGUE TO
ONE BETWEEN THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE
DEPARTMENT. ALIREZA COULD THEN WRITE THE LETTER
MENTIONED PARA 2 OF REFTEL ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT,
INCLUDING POINTS MENTIONED IN SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF
THAT PARAGRAPH.

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3. WE AWAIT YOUR COMMENTS.

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